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Apartment Building For The Elderly

5-Story Complex Planned For KM

Mountain View Towers, a 58-unit apartment complex for the elderly, will be constructed on King and Tracy Streets in late summer with anticipated occupancy by spring 1980.

The developer, William (Bill) Gilbert of Greenwood, S. C. told the Mirror-Herald that the privately developed complex will occupy 50,000 square feet on a two acre site being acquired from Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission in a location easily accessible and "walking distance" for senior citizens to downtown and doctor's clinics.

"We are elated to announce this good news during the first week of the new year," said Mr. Gilbert, who said that the project, developed by Associated Development, Inc., is the culmination of many weeks of effort in the offices of Mayor John Moss, Jerry King, executive director of KM Development Office, and Redevelopment Commission Director Gene White.

"It's a good New Year present for Kings Mountain," said the mayor who said the five-floor complex will feature 35 units with five for handicapped.

Each unit will be totally self-contained with approximately 550 square feet of floor space and including one bedroom, bath, kitchen-dining-living room and private patio and balcony. All are one-bedroom units and will be fully air conditioned, all space carpeted, and total electric.

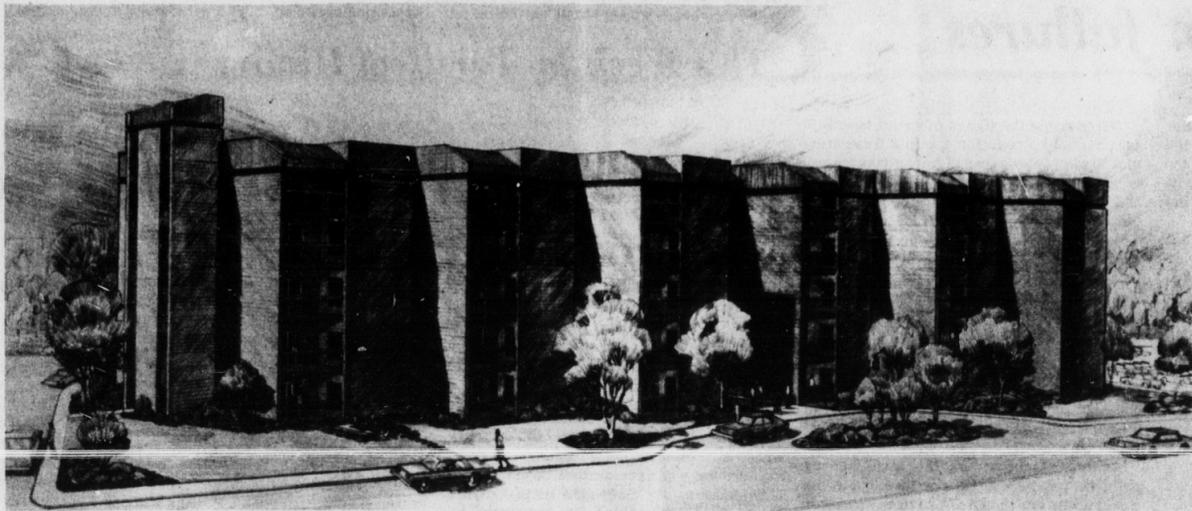
The complex will be the city's and probably the county's tallest building, rising an impressive 90 feet and measuring 220 feet long and 85 feet wide. The apartments will face Northwest and Southwest and are designed as energy efficient units.

The complex will be constructed of pre-cast concrete with exterior walls brick. The building will contain a recreation area, laundry room, maintenance area, management office, and an elevator plus stairs at each end. There will be 80 parking spaces.

Another plus for the location is that the city has plans for a greens area of approximately 12-14 acres behind the site which will, according to Mayor Moss, give the residents their own "park" in an area designated by the city board of commissioners as a "green belt."

Mayor Moss said that the project is a private development for the elderly but that elderly citizens will be eligible for subsidy.

Reflecting on the New Year, Mayor Moss says that with announcement of the new housing project he sees a new emphasis on housing and job opportunities for Kings Mountain area citizens, pointing to considerable economic activities already underway.



Artist's concept of proposed Mountain View Towers

First Phase Bids On Bypass In March

First phase of bid-letting for 4.8 miles of the proposed 9.6 miles \$45 plus million U. S. 74 By-Pass of Kings Mountain is set for March 27th. Henry Clegg, Assistant Director in the N. C. Highway Transportation Office, told the Mirror-Herald yesterday.

Mr. Clegg said the bid-letting is for grading of existing U. S. 74 at SR 2024 and East of SR 2026, approximately 4.8 miles SR 2024 is off 161 at the city limits and SR 2026 is off Waco Rd.

The bid-letting of the project will be in three different sections.

The project, for which no date has been established for completion, has been an "on again, off again" project since it was first approved in 1965.

It was shelved for several years, victim of federal fund cut-backs in turn dictated by the Vietnam War, but periodic traffic counts continue to reveal what motorists and travelers know first hand that King Street, link of U. S. 74 west, gets more difficult and more clogged to navigate as the days, months and years go by.

The city commission at its December 22 meeting formally

contracted with the Highway Department in right-of-way participating in the project.

Estimated cost of grading and structures is estimated to be \$25 million, with paving \$5 to \$6 million more and \$3,445,000 has already been spent on right-of-way, said the official.

With construction prices jumping and some bids over the estimates, the official said that he would not guess on a completion date, originally set for 1983. Including planning and design costs, the overall price of the bypass will be nearly four and one half million dollars per mile, if inflation does not bring it to the initially estimated figure of \$45 million.

The by-pass will be a four-lane freeway with fully controlled right-of-way designed to prohibit strip developments. It will start one mile west of Bethware School and connecting with existing 74 and I-85 interchanges, designed to relieve traffic on King, around Bethware School and make for safer access to the high school and junior high school areas.

The first stage, slated to begin in March, will be from the West 4.8 miles to Waco Rd.

KM Student Appointed To U.S. Naval Academy

Charles Russell Baumgardner has received a Presidential appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Baumgardner, the son of Charles R. and Mona B. Baumgardner of Waco Rd., will graduate from Kings Mountain Senior High in June and will leave immediately for Annapolis.

The student is scheduled to go to Fort Jackson in Charleston, S. C. Jan. 10 for his physical, according to his parents.

Mr. Baumgardner retired six years ago after 21 years in the U. S. Navy. His rank at retirement was that of Chief Petty Officer. Mrs. Baumgardner said, "Charles has applied through Sen. Ollie Harris, Rep. James Broyhill and even wrote to President Carter to get an appointment to the Naval Academy. I guess persistence pays off."

The Baumgardners also have a 17-year-old daughter, Tracy, who is a junior at KMSHS.



CHARLES RUSSELL BUMGARDNER

Make Wishes Known

For those concerned with school calendar development, the board of education invites your suggestions and your attendance at Monday night's 7:30 p. m. meeting in the



JIMMY DICKEY, JR.

Jimmy Dickey Appointed As Magistrate

Jimmy Dickey, Jr., 27, assumed new duties this week as a Number Four Township magistrate.

The son of District Six City Commissioner Jim and Audrey Dickey, he took the oath of office from Superior Court Clerk Ruth Dedmon Friday at noon at the Cleveland County Courthouse. He succeeds C. T. Carpenter, Jr., Kings Mountain realtor who completed one year of the late Magistrate J. Lee Roberts' term and a two-year appointment during Dec. 31, 1978.

Mr. Dickey's two year term began Jan. 1, New Year's Day, which was a holiday. He started work Tuesday in an office he shares with Magistrate Dot Hayes on Cherokee St. The office telephone number is 789-3812.

Superior Court Judge John Friday made the appointment. Mr. Dickey is a 1969 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and is a 1973 graduate of Gardner Webb College. He was formerly associated with Nelco Industries, Inc., and a former reserve officer on the Kings Mountain Police Force.

administrative offices on Parker St. Supt. William Davis noted that "the school calendar sometimes draws dissatisfied comments from school patrons. These comments come from those who are displeased with the date for opening or closing of school, too many days off for children during the school year, holidays at the wrong time, etc."

This month, according to Supt. Davis, the wheels will be set in motion for school calendar which is usually approved by the board of education in March or April.

Any suggestions which school patrons may have regarding the school calendar for another year will be welcomed, he said, and suggestions may be mailed to the Board of Education Office, PO Box 192, phoned in 739-4580, or delivered in person to the board's Monday night meeting. Supt. Davis said that all suggestions will be given study and consideration.

He pointed out in developing the calendar there must be 180 days of school for children, 16 workdays without children for teachers, and ten legal holidays, all of which must be scheduled within 10 calendar months.

Gov. Hunt Names Mrs. Cashion To Job

Governor Jim Hunt has named Mrs. Joyce F. Cashion of Kings Mountain to the State's Crime



MRS. JOYCE F. CASHION

CD Hearing

Set Tonight

At City Hall

Public hearing to obtain citizen input on how the city will spend community development funds in 1979-80 will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

During the upcoming program, fourth year in which the city has qualified for a total of \$4,160,000 for community development, the city will receive \$388,000 in CD funds.

Citizens are invited to submit proposals on how the city should spend the allocated monies, block grants from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The intent of the Community Development Act is to assist low and moderate income areas through activities designed to help eliminate and prevent slums and blight, and to provide improved public facilities and services. Eligible activities are: acquisition of property which is blighted and/or is appropriate for rehabilitation; construction of public facilities; demolition of buildings and improvements; improvements to remove barriers to mobility of handicapped and elderly persons; payments for temporary housing of persons displaced by community development; disposition of property acquired through Community Development activities; provision of public services which are not otherwise available and are needed to support other CD activities; payment of the city's share required in a federal grant-in-aid program; cost of completing an existing urban renewal project; relocating payments; planning costs and administrative costs of the program.

Office Hours

Kings Mountain citizens are reminded of extended office hours of Mayor John Moss and the city codes department.

The Mayor's office hours are from 8 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. and the city codes department schedule is 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. Personnel are on duty in both offices during lunch hours.

Prevention and Public Information Committee.

Mrs. Cashion is a housewife. She is active in civic, school and community affairs. Wife of Bill Cashion, she is a partner in Falls Superette.

The Committee is an adjunct committee of the Governor's Crime Commission and is responsible for advising the Commission on the most appropriate and effective way to make the public aware of the role individual citizens, businesses and community organizations need to play in the prevention and reporting of crimes.

The committee is composed of 60 members, all appointed by the Governor. Members serve terms of two years.

Mrs. Cashion will serve on the Community Support and Coordination Subcommittee which will advise on the most effective means of increasing citizen involvement in crime prevention, especially through mobilizing residents through Community Watch programs.

City Commission

Meets On Monday

Regular January meeting of the city board of commissioners is slated for Monday night, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p. m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Agenda for the meeting was not announced.

Grover Board

Meeting Is Monday

Grover Town Board will hold regular meeting Monday night at 8:30 p. m. in Town Hall.

The Jan. 8th meeting replaces the regularly scheduled Jan. 1 meeting.

An agenda for the meeting was not announced by Town Clerk Gloria Horton.